

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: February 16, 2005

Division: Growth Management

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☒

Department: Planning and Env. Resources

Staff Contact Person: Marlene Conaway

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Approval of a Resolution to defer actions on consideration of land swaps of properties which have been dedicated to the County under ROGO until the Monroe County Land Acquisition Management Plan is completed and further Board policy is established.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:** Staff has recently received multiple requests from private parties for land swaps of properties which have been dedicated to the County under the Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO). The County properties are held in public trust for the public purpose of conservation. The public trust in the County acquisition program risks erosion by piecemeal private party requests for land swaps involving these lands. The Monroe County Land Acquisition Master Plan, in coordination with the Tier system, will provide mechanisms for identification and prioritization of County lands potentially appropriate for land swaps.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:** Resolution 179-2003, signed May 21, 2003, establishes policies by the Board of County Commissioners for approving the exchange of privately-owned lands of conservation value for lands dedicated to the County for conservation purposes under the County's Rate of Growth Ordinance.

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:** N/A

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:** Approval

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**TOTAL COST:** N/A

**BUDGETED:** Yes ☐ No N/A

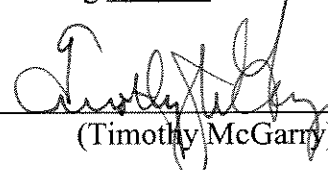
**COST TO COUNTY:** N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes ☐ No N/A **AMOUNT PER MONTH** Year N/A

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty X OMB/Purchasing N/A Risk Management N/A

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:**

  
(Timothy McGarry)

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included X Not Required ☐

**DISPOSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO.                    - 2005**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DEFER ACTIONS ON  
CONSIDERATION OF LAND SWAPS OF PROPERTIES  
WHICH HAVE BEEN DEDICATED TO THE COUNTY  
UNDER ROGO, UNTIL THE MONROE COUNTY LAND  
ACQUISITION MASTER PLAN IS COMPLETED AND  
FURTHER BOARD POLITY IS ESTABLISHED.**

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**WHEREAS**, Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO) lots may be dedicated to the County by ROGO applicants for additional points and to increase an application's competitiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, dedication of ROGO lots to the County is intended to encourage the voluntary dedication of vacant, buildable land within those areas proposed for acquisition by governmental agencies for the purposes of conservation or resource protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Policy 105.5.4.5 of the Monroe County Year 2010 Comprehensive Plan and Section 9.5-122.3(5), Monroe County Code provide for the awarding of positive points under ROGO for dedication of vacant, legally platted buildable lots or at least one (1) acre of unplatted, buildable land located within a conservation area or areas proposed for acquisition by governmental agencies for the purposes of conservation and resource protection; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 179-2003 establishes policies by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County for approving the exchange of privately-owned lands of conservation value for lands which have been dedicated to the County for conservation purposes under the County's Rate of Growth Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, since the passage of Resolution 179-2003, Staff have recently received multiple requests from private parties for land swaps of ROGO lots; and

**WHEREAS**, such lands that have been dedicated to the County for conservation purposes under the County's Rate of Growth Ordinance have been entrusted to the County to be held for the public for the public purpose of conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the public trust in the County acquisition program risks erosion by piecemeal private party requests for land swaps of properties which have been dedicated under to the County under ROGO, and which may be located in Tier 1 or Tier 2 areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tier system, in coordination with the Monroe County Land Acquisition Master Plan, when enacted, will allow identification and mechanisms for prioritization of County properties potentially appropriate for land swaps; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a piece meal approach to land swaps of properties which have been dedicated to the County under ROGO should be deferred, until the Monroe County Land Acquisition Management Plan is completed and further Board policy is established; **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

1. The Board of County Commissioners shall defer actions on consideration of land swaps of properties which have been dedicated to the County under ROGO until the Monroe County Land Acquisition Management Plan is completed and further Board policy is established.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2005.

Mayor Dixie Spehar	_____
Mayor Pro Tem Charles "Sonny" McCoy	_____
Commissioner George Neugent	_____
Commissioner David Rice	_____
Commissioner Murray Nelson	_____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Dixie Spehar

(SEAL)

ATTEST: DANNY L. KOLHAGE, CLERK



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DEPUTY CLERK